

**REGULAR MEETING
HEALTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
JANAURY 12, 2009 @ 2:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Rebecca Alegria called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Alegria, Duane Waukau, Jerry Waukau, Darwin Dick, Lisa S. Waukau (ex-officio facto). MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynnette Miller (excused), Mary Husby (excused), Shannon Wilber (excused) and Eva Robinson (excused). Also present: Denise Pommer, Francis Walker, Roberta Robinson and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated December 15, 2008

No corrections necessary.

Motion made by Jerry Waukau to approve the minutes dated December 15, 2008. Second was by Darwin Dick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Miller, Husby, Wilber, and Robinson).

4. Senior meals delivery in Neopit

Denise Pommer informed the committee that this agenda item is presented today to clarify the meals that can be served at the Neopit Senior Center. An enrolled member who is an elder stated that he is denied lunch from the Senior Center. Mrs. Pommer stated that the center is open early to accommodate the MTE lunch schedule and no elder is denied a meal. The issue seems to be the time it takes to get to the center, pick up the meal, and then get back to work.

Mrs. Pommer informed the committee that the policy is written in conjunction with the funding sources. If a meal is served at the Neopit Senior Center, it needs to be eaten there or if the person is home bound, the individual needs to meet specific qualifications. If we accommodate one worker, we would need to accommodate everyone regardless of where they work.

The Commission on Aging met on January 8, 2009 and agreed that funding would be jeopardized if meals are picked up and delivered to the mill workers so they denied this request and to notify the mill workers that the Health and Family committee was meeting today on the same issue. Sharon Madosh-MTE received the message and informed Mrs. Pommer that she would notify the workers.

Tribal Administration agrees with the interpretation that funding would be jeopardized. The funding amount is approximately \$70,000.00.

MTE could accommodate this individual to give him additional time and claim this as a health prevention issue. If he walked there and walked back, this individual may be able to claim time off without repercussions. Rebecca Alegria will place a courtesy call to the MTE President to consider this option.

Motion made by Jerry Waukau to recommend to the Legislature to concur with the Commission on Aging recommendation dated January 8, 2009 to deny the request of the mill workers to serve carry out meals. Second was by Duane Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Miller, Husby, Wilber, and Robinson).

5. Review Monthly Narratives.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH

Darwin Dick informed the committee that he will provide a summary from Native Aspirations on suicide prevention and would narrate which agency does provide what service.

Mr. Dick stated that there is a teen pregnancy prevention program called Discovery Dating that touches on abstinence and healthy relationship. Mr. Jerry Waukau stated that the Clinic nurses hold teen clinics for contraceptives information. The committee would like more data on the teen pregnancy issue especially with the 14-16 year age group. Mr. Dick and Jerry Waukau will provide this for the next month's meeting.

SOCIAL SERVICES

A report has not been received back on the codification of ICRA and the State of Wisconsin.

RECREATION

The Recreation Department started their 6 – week instructional league for the 3rd -6th grade children and there were several parents in attendance. Most of the kids can reach the hoop of a standard basketball setting.

The ice skating rink mat cracked and was repaired but it never worked. Mr. Duane Waukau stated that this will have to be replaced.

The light was removed from the sliding hill in Keshena, but due to the liability with the parking issue, it was removed. Mr. Duane Waukau will look for alternative parking sites to settle the liability issue. Once this issue is settled, the sliding hill light can be restored. Mr. Waukau will also request Gary Schuettpelz to waive the liability until we can resolve this issue.

Darwin Dick also informed the committee that the weekly positive parenting classes are starting at Maehnowesekiyah, 5-8 p.m. There are 8 sessions per quarter. These classes are not lecture classes, but more of a traditional teaching.

6. Other Business

The committee will meet on February 23, 2009 at 2 p.m. due to the holiday.

7. Adjournment

Motion made by Duane Waukau to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Darwin Dick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Miller, Husby, Wilber, and Robinson).

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office